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Dear Sylvia,

Your letter to the Wash Post is perfect. In mine not forpublication I disproved all of Harwood's alleged fact about the FBI report and the silver bullet, but in the one for publication I referred only to the contents of Whitewash, without any reference to the axe job. I sort of expect it in tomorrow's paper.

It is not necessary to reply to my long letter. It was for your information. Had I not wanted you to know, I would not have taken all that time. But we both have better ways of spending our time.

If we but had a few bucks, I'd say things were good. I have good commercial distribution now in most major areas, including west coast, but some of the book were shipped only Wednesday. There are in commercial channels 2751 copies, not counting what has been sold or what we mailed out from here. I'll be on 500 radio stations, have been on DC Columbia station four of scheduled five times, etc. There will be more press. Lifkin phoned late one night re: Ramparts special issue to go to press in about 10 days. Full page in Maryland's largest weekly. Two pages in BOOKS, whose editor, Jerry Agee, was wonderful at American Booksellers's convention.

Right now my largest worry is that Viking PR people will not reciprocate on major things, as they did not on Newsweek story. Look is going to clobber Epstein. I have already told Viking I'll do what I can to help. A hasty reading indicates that when he addressed himself to evidence he knew only what the staff lawyers told him, a rather undependable source that led to error. The book nonetheless is very important. I have done all I can to plug it, including sharing my radio with it and praising it to reviewers and stores.

As of today, not a single mention of which I am aware in any of the so-called liberal journals. And I fear the Viking people will be able to deflect interest of major reviewers. Of this there are already indications.

Eighth St. Bookshop will carry. If you get a chance will you please call Lost Side Other, suggested by Silentz of this store, and tell them. I wont have time to write them for several days. Village Voice I did write. I'm expecting two interviewers today and have other things I must do. The grass is more than a foot high and all my mowers, which I'd not have time to use, are broken!

I now have reason to expect additional press in England, France, and am working on something that might be good in France. My English agent is discouraged.

Sincerely,